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THE FOLLOWING MSG REC FROM AMCONSUL NHA TRANG ON NOV 5 ACTION
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1. THE BU PRANG (BU BON) CAMP IN QUANG DUC WAS ATTACKED
YESTERDAY, NOV 4, AND OCCUPIED BY THE COMMUNISTS. THE CAMP WAS
THE FORWARD COMMAND POST OF THE FOUR RF BATTALIONS ENGAGED IN
OPERATIONS DESIGNED TO SECURE THAT PORTION OF QL 14 WHICH

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RUNS ALONG THE CAMBODIAN FRONTIER, AND WAS DEFENDED BY ONLY ONE
RF COMPANY, TWO ARTILLERY PLATOONS, AND AN ENGINEER PLATOON.

RVNAF LOSSES ARE CURRENTLY UNKNOWN. THE ATTACKERS, REPORTEDLY THE 205TH REGT OF THE 9TH NVA DIV, DESTROYED ALL OF THE ARTILLERY (FOUR 105'S), THUS DEPRIVING THE CAMPAIGN OF ITS ENTIRE ARTILLERY SUPPORT. THE 246 AND 247 RF BATTALIONS (FROM KHANH HOA) ALONG WITH THE 259TH (NATIVE QUANG DUC) ARE REPORTEDLY MOVING BACK TOWARD THEIR BU PRANG BASE, WHILE THE 271ST (QUANG DUC) IS BEING DETAINED BY THE COMMUNISTS ALONG QL 14 SOME 7 KM NORTH OF THE CAMP. AT PRESENT, IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT THE RVNAF WILL DO. GENERAL TOAN IS IN QUANG DUC GIVING THE SITUATION HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION.

2. THERE ARE CONFUSED REPORTS THAT THE COMMUNISTS USED TANKS FOR THE ASSAULT ON BU PRANG, AND THAT SOME OF THEM WERE DESTROYED BY AIR. TANKS WERE ALSO REPORTED FIRING ON THE 271ST RF BN. PAST EXPERIENCE MAKES US SKEPTICAL OF SUCH REPORTS, AND WE ARE SEEKING CLARIFICATION.

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